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Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES PAID BY MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD AT COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES, THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 10a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges shall fix fees for tuition at the regional community-technical colleges and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at the regional community-technical colleges, and may make refunds to the same.
- 8 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges 9 shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the Regional 10 Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund. Appropriations from 11 general revenues of the state and, upon request by the board and with 12 an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy 13 and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits

and workers' compensation applicable to the community-technical colleges pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the regional community-technical colleges in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student fees or related charges; the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and donations; federal funds and grants for purposes other than research, and all receipts derived from the conduct by the colleges of their education extension programs and summer school sessions shall be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the central office and each community-technical college. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, the secretary may require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the board of trustees. The board shall establish an equitable policy for allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection [(e)] (g) of this section shall be charged to the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by operating funds and costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the

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General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of community-technical colleges.

- (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter [within] <u>not later</u> than sixty days [of] <u>after</u> the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management, through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the actual expenditures of the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the Board of Governors of Higher Education may require.
- 60 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any 61 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent 62 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has 63 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war 64 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child 65 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of 66 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such 67 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined 68 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or 69 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to 70 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to 71 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 72 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran 73 74 is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of 75 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end of the 76 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient 77 number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers 78 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such person 79 intends to enroll and there is space available in such course after 80 accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the

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81 Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law 82 enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with a 83 regional community-technical college which accredits courses taken in 84 such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or 85 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant 86 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good 87 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to 88 such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police 89 90 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary 91 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of 92 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state 93 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for 94 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse 95 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for 96 any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a 97 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and 98 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state 99 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was 100 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed 101 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who 102 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver 103 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives 104 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be 105 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. [Veterans 106 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the 107 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be 108 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in 109 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.] 110 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one 111 112 year.

(e) In addition to the waiver of tuition pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of any

- other fees fixed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at any of the regional community-technical colleges for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (1) is a resident of the state, (2) has been certified by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (3) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program.
 - (f) Veterans described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of this section and subsection (e) of this section shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition or fee waivers in registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
 - [(e)] (g) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated regional community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in regional community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

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- 148 [(f)] (h) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating 149 Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and fee 150 waivers granted under [subsection] subsections (d) and (e) of this 151 section exceed five per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state 152 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an 153 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate 154 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in 155 which such appropriation will apply.
 - [(g)] (i) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was not completed.
- Sec. 2. Section 10a-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
 - (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10a-26, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System shall fix fees for tuition and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at the university, and may make refunds of the same.
- 171 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University 172 System shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the 173 Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Appropriations 174 from general revenues of the state and upon request by the 175 Connecticut State University System and with the annual review and 176 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the 177 amount of the appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to 178 subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the State 179 Comptroller and all tuition revenue received by the Connecticut State

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University System in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in said fund. Income from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants, subject to the provisions of sections 10a-98 to 10a-98g, inclusive, and all receipts derived from the conduct by a state university of its education extension program and its summer school session shall be credited to said fund but shall be allocated to the central office and institutional operating accounts which shall be established and maintained for the central office and each state university. Any such gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes of research shall be allocated to separate accounts within such central office and institutional operating accounts. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the university. The board of trustees shall establish an equitable policy for allocation of appropriations from general revenues of the state, fringe benefits transferred from the State Comptroller and tuition revenue deposited in the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. At the beginning of each quarter of the fiscal year, the board shall allocate and transfer, in accordance with said policy, moneys for expenditure in such institutional operating accounts, exclusive of amounts retained for central office operations and reasonable reserves for future distribution. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection [(e)] (g) of this section shall be charged to the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund and costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a

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debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of the Connecticut State University System.

- (c) Commencing December 1, 1984, and thereafter [within] <u>not later</u> than sixty days [of] <u>after</u> the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management, through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the actual expenditures of the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the Board of Governors of Higher Education may require.
- 226 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the 227 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a 228 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be 229 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in 230 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted 231 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the 232 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) for 233 any veteran having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) 234 of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or combat support 235 role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 236 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, 237 or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to 238 March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to such 239 institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is 240 accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any resident of 241 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for 242 admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a 243 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration 244 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students 245 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this 246 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll

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and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. [Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state universities.] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

(e) In addition to the waiver of tuition fees pursuant to subsection

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- 281 (d) of this section, said board shall waive the payment of any other fees 282 fixed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at the Connecticut State 283 University System for any active member of the Connecticut Army or 284 Air National Guard who (1) is a resident of the state, (2) has been 285 certified by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee as 286 a member in good standing of the guard, and (3) is enrolled or 287 accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time 288 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program.
- (f) Veterans described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of this section and subsection (e) of this section shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition or fee waivers in registering for courses at the Connecticut State University System.
 - [(e)] (g) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment for any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degreegranting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

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- [(f)] (h) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition <u>and fee</u> waivers granted under [subsection] <u>subsections</u> (d) <u>and (e)</u> of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.
- [(g)] (i) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the course that was not completed.
- Sec. 3. Section 10a-105 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
 - (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 10a-8 and 10a-26, the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall fix fees for tuition and shall fix fees for such other purposes as the board deems necessary at The University of Connecticut, and may make refunds of the same.
 - (b) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of Connecticut Operating Fund, and in addition, may establish a Special External Gift Fund, and an endowment fund, as defined in section 10a-109c, and such other funds as may be established pursuant to subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 10a-109d. Appropriations from general revenues of the state and, upon request by the university and with an annual review and approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the amount of the appropriations for fringe

benefits and workers' compensation applicable to the university pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, shall be transferred from the Comptroller, and all tuition revenue received by the university in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, income from student fees or related charges, the proceeds of auxiliary activities and business enterprises, gifts and donations, federal funds and grants for purposes other than research and all receipts derived from the conduct by The University of Connecticut of its education extension program and its summer school session, except funds received by The University of Connecticut Health Center, shall be deposited in said operating fund. If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management disapproves such transfer, he may require the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services and fringe benefits to be excluded from said fund. The State Treasurer shall review and approve the transfer prior to such request by the university. All costs of waiving or remitting tuition pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, except the cost of waiving or remitting tuition for students enrolled in the schools of medicine or dental medicine, shall be charged to said fund. Repairs, alterations or additions to facilities supported by said fund costing one million dollars or more shall require the approval of the General Assembly, or when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said fund, except such sums as may be required for deposit into a debt service fund or the General Fund for further payment by the Treasurer of debt service on general obligation bonds of the state issued for purposes of The University of Connecticut.

(c) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall establish and administer a fund to be known as The University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund. Appropriations from general revenues of the state except the amount of the appropriation for operating expenses to be used for personal services and the appropriations for fringe benefits pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-73, all tuition revenue received by the health center in accordance

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- (d) Commencing December 1, 1981, and thereafter [within] <u>not later</u> than sixty days [of] <u>after</u> the close of each quarter, the board of trustees shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Office of Policy and Management, through the Board of Governors of Higher Education, a report on the actual expenditures of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund containing such relevant information as the Board of Governors of Higher Education may require.
- (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said

413 institution, (2) for any veteran having served in time of war, as defined 414 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in either a combat or 415 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to 416 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to 417 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 418 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to 419 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is 420 accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident of 421 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for 422 admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration 423 424 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students 425 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this 426 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll 427 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all 428 such students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or 429 Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant 430 General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good 431 standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to 432 said institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or 433 graduate degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a 434 (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or 435 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or 436 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) 437 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, 438 (6) for any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving 439 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, 440 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in 441 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and 442 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state 443 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was 444 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed 445 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who 446 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver

in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. [Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.] Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one vear.

- (f) In addition to the waiver of tuition fees pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of any other fees fixed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at The University of Connecticut for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (1) is a resident of the state, (2) has been certified by the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (3) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program.
- (g) Veterans described in subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of this section and subsection (f) of this section shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition or fee waivers in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
- [(f)] (h) Said board shall set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated

student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

[(g)] (i) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and fee waivers granted under [subsection] subsections (e) and (f) of this section exceed two and one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will apply.

[(h)] (j) Said board shall grant remission or waiver of tuition for graduate assistants at the university. Assistantship payments to graduate assistants shall not be considered salaries and wages under the provisions of section 3-119, and shall be paid according to a schedule prescribed by the university and approved by the State Comptroller.

[(i)] (k) Said board of trustees shall allow any student who is a member of the armed forces called to active duty during any semester to enroll in any course for which such student had remitted tuition but which was not completed due to active duty status. Such course reenrollment shall be offered to any qualifying student for a period not exceeding four years after the date of release from active duty without

- 511 additional tuition, student fee or related charge, except if such student
- 512 has been fully reimbursed for the tuition, fees and charges for the
- 513 course that was not completed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	10a-77
Sec. 2	October 1, 2009	10a-99
Sec. 3	October 1, 2009	10a-105

Statement of Purpose:

To provide waivers for members of the Connecticut National Guard for nontuition fees charged by the community-technical colleges, the Connecticut State University System and The University of Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]